

# Wayne Allard

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## ALLARD SUPPORTS ASPINALL MEMORIAL PROJECT COMMISSION FORMED TO PLACE STATUE IN PALISADE

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne (R-CO) has thrown his support behind a project to honor former Colorado Third District U.S. Representative Wayne Aspinall. In a speech before the U.S. Senate this week, Allard encouraged his colleagues to support a memorial to honor the lawmaker who served western Colorado for almost a quarter of a century.

The Wayne Aspinall Memorial, which is being organized by the citizens of Palisade, Mesa County and other Coloradans, would result in a life-size sculpture of the former congressman in Palisade Park, on a bluff above the Colorado River.

Allard, who as a young man growing up in northwestern Colorado knew Aspinall, said that the former congressman's efforts on behalf of western Colorado merits such a tribute.

"I am proud to say I got to know Wayne Aspinall as a young man growing up in western Colorado," Allard said. "He had one of the most distinguished careers of anyone who has ever served in Congress. As Chairman of the powerful House Interior Committee, he was responsible for the Colorado River Basin Development Act of 1968, the 1964 Wilderness Bill which designated 9.1 million acres of wilderness in Colorado and the Colorado River Storage Act of 1956 that authorized Glen Canyon, Flaming Gorge, Navajo and Curecanti Reservoirs."

"It is safe to say that no member of Congress has had a greater impact on the lives of the people of western Colorado than Wayne Aspinall," added Allard.

The project is being coordinated by the Aspinall Memorial Commission, whose members include former State Senator Tillie Bishop, Colorado Department of Natural Resources Director Greg Walcher, former Club 20 Director Bill Cleary and Palisade Mayor Dean Smith. The commission needs to raise \$165,000 to complete the memorial.

Anyone interested in contributing to the project can write to: Aspinall Memorial Commission, P.O. Box 101, Palisade, Colorado 81526.

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